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SCAN OF

AN INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUSLY KNOWN NUMBER OF WIRES ON LAOS/
SOUTH VIETNAM OPEN-WIRE TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINE 1.

A ONE NAUTICAL MILE SEGMENT OF THE LINE IS OBSERVED BETWEEN
164155N 1062322E (UTM XD482465) AND 164307N 1062338E (XD485487),
5 NM NNW OF BAN DONG, LAOS. SIX INSULATORS, EACH SUPPORTING A WIRE,
ARE OBSERVED ON THE POLES IN THIS SEGMENT. FOUR OF THE INSULATORS
ARE LOCATED ALONG THE TOP OF A SINGLE CROSSARM WHILE THE OTHER
TWO ARE LOCATED ON EACH SIDE OF THE VERTICAL SUPPORTING POLE.
PREVIOUSLY, ONLY TWO WIRES AND INSULATORS, BOTH LOCATED ON ONE
SIDE OF THE CROSSARM, WERE OBSERVED ON THIS LINE.

MAP REF: SERIES L7015 SHEET 6242 II, 1ST ED.

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